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SUBJECT: ATTITUDE OF GODR TOWARD COCOA AGREEMENT

REF: STATE A-7228, DTD 12/2/75

1. NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT ENDED OCTOBER 20 WITH AGREEMENT BY MOST PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. THE U.S. AND THE IVORY COAST EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON SOME OF THE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT TEXT. SPECIFIC U.S. RESERVATIONS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION ARE DISCUSSED IN REF ABOVE.

2. TERMS OF THE COCOA AGREEMENT REQUIRE THAT PRODUCERS REPRESENTING 80 PERCENT OF WORLD PRODUCTION ADHERE TO THE AGREEMENT BY AUGUST 31, 1976 FOR THE AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO EFFECT. THE IVORY COAST (MEMBER OF CURRENT AGREEMENT) CONFIDENTIAL

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AND DR, EQUATORIAL GUINEA AND MEXICO (NON-MEMBERS) ACCOUNT

FOR 22.2 PERCENT OF WORLD PRODUCTION, AND THEREFORE COULD
BLOCK ENTRY INTO FORCE THROUGH NON-PARTICIPATION. THE DR
HAS PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT ITS PARTICIPATION IS DOUBTFUL
IF THE U.S. REMAINS OUTSIDE THE PACT.

3. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE U.S. WILL JOIN THE NEW
AGREEMENT. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONSULT GODR OFFICIALS
AND REPORT THEIR CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD JOINING NEW
AGREEMENT IF THE U.S. DECIDES TO STAY OUT. KISSINGER

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